

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
at LONDON**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky at London, Kentucky effective May 1, 2010. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and will include: (1) conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. Section 636. To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least 5 years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the Supreme Court of Kentucky at the time of appointment;
- (3) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (4) Be less than 70 years old; and
- (5) Not be related to a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The Magistrate Judge will be required to reside in close proximity to London, KY.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons whom it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI and IRS investigation of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due

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consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The salary of the position is \$160,080.00 per annum. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and further information on the Magistrate Judge position may be obtained from the Clerk of the United States District Court. The application form is also available on the court's internet website at www.kyed.uscourts.gov. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and must be received no later than December 8, 2009.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: Leslie G. Whitmer, Clerk of Court
United States District Court
Eastern District of Kentucky
P. O. Box 3074
Lexington, Kentucky 40588-3074

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential

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